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SUBJ: PRE-LICENSE CHECK OF BIRCRAFT SALE: CASE NO. 067248

REF: STATE 145347

1. CIVIL AERONAUTICS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN INDICATES THAT TWO NEW BELL 206-B HELICOPTERS (WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING FIVE PASSENGER CAPACITY) ARE TO BE USED BY THE GABANET DO PLANO DO ZAMBEZE (GPZ) TO SUPPORT WORK ON CABORA BASSA DAM AND RELATED ZAMBEZE RIVER PROJECTS, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE OCCASIONAL TRANSPORT FOR GOVERNOR OF TETE DISTRICT TO PLACES WHICH CAN NOT BE REACHED BY OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. THE TWO PLANES WILL REPLACE TWO OTHER GPZ BELL HELICOPTERS WHICH WERE LOST ABOUT A YEAR AGO. CAD SPOKESMAN INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT BE USED FOR SURVEY OR REPAIR OF TRANSMISSION LINES AS SUCH WORK WOULD BE DONE BY OTHER BELL HELICOPTERS NEWLY ACQUIRED BY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

2. WHILE THE NEW HELICOPTERS MIGHT CONCEIVEABLY FLY IN OR NEAR AREAS OF MILITARY ACTION, THIS WOULD BE INCIDENTAL TO THEIR PRIMARY MISSION OF SUPPORT FOR CABORA BASSA DAM AND ZAMBEZE DEVELOPMENT. CAD SPOKESMAN ASSURES US THEY DEFINITELY NOT INTENDED FOR MILITARY USE, AS THIS AGAINST CIVIL AIR
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REGULATIONS AND SINCE BELL 206-B TOO VULNERABLE TO GROUND

FIRE TO BE SUITABLE FOR MILITARY SUPPORT ACTION.

3. WE HAVE NO REASON DOUBT ABOVE STATEMENTS, ESPECIALLY SINCE RECENT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PORTUGUESE INTEND GO AHEAD WITH EXCAVATIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF FOUR OR FIVE ADDITIONAL GENERATORS ON NORTH BANK OF RIVER, WHICH MEANS THAT WORK WILL CONTINUE IN SONGO/CABORA BASSA AREA FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME TO COME. THEREFORE, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE.

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